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GOVERNOR HAS BUSY DAY

SIGNING TO AID HIS PARDONS.

The Chief Executive Grants a Number of Pardons, But all Have Conditions Attached and He Refuses a Man in Sampson County Who Offered to Have Violated Conditions of His Release From the Pen Will Go Back Again to Serve Out His Term—Raleigh Anxious to Secure the Pythian Orphanage—Bank Chartered For Wake County—The Adjutant General Issues Orders Governing the Summer Encampment of State Troops—Raleigh News of a Day.

Observer Bureau,
The Hollerman Building,
Raleigh, June 15.

A charter is granted the Briggs-Shaw Company, at Winston-Salem, to build and operate machine shops, the authorized capital stock being $60,000.

Raleigh will make an effort to secure the location of the Pythian Orphanage. A very liberal offer has been made in regard to the Methodist College, which that denomination is considering here for young men.

Governor Kitchin acted very promptly in the case of John Hall, the campson county white man who violated the conditions of the conditional pardon granted him. Governor Kitchin wants it distinctly understood that when a condition is imposed in a pardon it must be kept and any violation of this rule will certainly be arrested at once and made to serve out his full sentence. The constitution provides for conditional pardons and in many cases they are beneficial indeed. It is only in recent years that their issue has been made. Governor Kitchin has been liberal in such pardons, as was Governor Glenn, but he intends to be firm in regard to them.

Governor Kitchin grants a conditional pardon to Jacob Spivey, who in September was convicted in Guilford county of forcible trespass and sentenced to six months in the workhouse. The governor says Spivey is a feeble-minded negro and was sentenced for taking a basket of fish. Upon the recommendation of the judge and solicitor of the judge of the municipal court of Greensboro, and owing to Spivey's age, the Governor grants a pardon on condition that he refrains from the use of cigarettes, shows good behavior and is law-abiding, and that once in every sixty days during the next twelve months he shall appear before the municipal court at Greensboro and satisfy him that he is faithfully complying with the conditions.

Adjutant General Armfield has issued orders as follows:

The troops of the North Carolina National Guard will encamp for drill, practice and field instruction at Morehead City, Morehead City, as follows: Second Infantry, July 8-14; Field Hospital, Reidsville Hospital Detachment, Battery A (dismounted), July 19-25; First Infantry, Field Hospital Corps Detachment, July 26-August 3.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Governor Kitchin acted in a singular case today. He commuted the 10-year sentence of William Drivers, Wilson county's roads to one year. Driver was convicted last September of bigamy. He is not of sound mind and was induced to believe he was freed from his first wife. He married himself to a man who promised him to "get him clear" of his wife. He worked six months and his employer gave him a paper asserting that he was free from her. He married. The trial judge recommended commutation.

The ministers of the Methodist Orphanage here met to-day. Congressman Robert N. Page presiding. Rev. J. N. Cole was re-elected superintendent. The showing made by the orphanage during the past twelve months is extremely gratifying. The receipts were $[illegible],000, and there is a small balance. There is found to be great need for another dormitory for boys and funds are to be asked for it.

The Bank of Fuquay Springs, this county, is chartered. Capital stock, $[illegible]. Dr. J. A. Sexton and others are stockholders.

The Governor refuses to pardon Jones Branch, convicted in McDowell county two years ago of highway robbery and sentenced to nine years on the roads.

The Governor pardons Charlie Allen, of Richland county, convicted [illegible] years ago of larceny and sentenced to four years on the roads. Governor Kitchin pardons Yates, who was sentenced to four years for stealing $2. The board of charities of Guilford recommended the pardon and through its chairman made application, after [illegible] the pardon. The grounds are health and bad effects of further imprisonment. He has had chronic pneumonia. The pardon is on condition of good behavior and remaining law-abiding.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS MEET.

Discussions at First Day's Session Took a Wide Range, Many Questions Being Considered—Mr. Caldwell Presiding.

Birmingham, Ala., June 15.—The Southern Publishers Association today began its annual session here, President J. P. Caldwell, of Charlotte, N. C., presiding. The discussions at today's session took a wide range. The following questions considered were typical:

What can employers do, and how, to keep their employes loyal to them, satisfied and contented, working every day of each week?

How can the composing room force be used to the best advantage?

What about a number of members operating in establish a first-class bureau in Washington, with a [illegible] men in charge, who would send out for simultaneous publication a digest of general Southern news as well as news pictures and features?

What effort is being made by members of this association to secure a special newspaper rate of postage of half cent a pound?

Do Southern newspapers generally continue the return privilege of dealers, or is it not discontinued [illegible] what percentage is allowed? What effect has the limiting of returns had on circulation?

The attendance is said to be as large as at any previous convention, many association members enjoyed a trip to East Lake to-night. The session will conclude with a banquet at the Hotel Hillman to-morrow night.

BENBOW PROPERTY PASSES

THE GATE CITY'S BIGGEST DEAL.

Last Trade That Marks the Transfer of the Most Valuable Holdings in the Heart of Greensboro's Business District Consummated Yesterday Afternoon—The Property Divided Among Various and Sundry Purchasers—The Property Brings an Average of $700 Per Front Foot and Stimulates Real Estate Activity—What the Guilford Highway Commission Has Done—Grand Jury Fails to Return a True Bill Against Young Huber.

Observer Bureau,
The Gill Building,
Greensboro, June 15.

Mr. E. J. Stafford, secretary of the Guilford county highway commission, has made public a report covering in detail the commission's transactions for the 18 months ending June 1. During this period the cash receipts amounted to $67,965.15 and there was expended $27,000.37, leaving a cash balance of $40,964.78. Four new macadamized roads were completed. The commission has spent during its existence, a period of about six years, $308,761.23 in building about eighty-five miles of highway. The money in hand will build about fifteen miles more, giving the county over one hundred miles of macadamized roads.

The county voted $300,000 of good roads bonds in the spring of 1903, and when the proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall have been exhausted the highway commission will expire by limitation and the work of building good roads will be taken up by the county commissioners and continued without another bond issue.

The board of aldermen last night filled four vacancies on the police force by the election of Messrs. I. B. Iseley, D. F. Causey, C. P. Bennett and D. E. Hepler, the last two being new members of the force. Former Sergeant Patterson and Officer Hobbs failed of re-election.

A BRAVE NEAR-BEER DEALER.

It is learned that one of the local near-beer dealers has decided to pay the license tax of $500 imposed on the business by the aldermen, and in this event it is probable that the county commissioners will take a hand in the matter and impose a county tax.

Owing to the vigilance and activity of the police force the illicit sale of whiskey has been reduced to a minimum. There are few, if any, "joints" in the city, the liquor that is sold being peddled by walking blind tigers.

Charles F. Huber, the young musician who was arrested here several weeks ago on a warrant sworn out by his wife charging him with living illegally with a young woman to whom he claimed to be married, and who is facing a similar charge in Petersburg, Va., will escape a trial in Greensboro, the grand jury having failed to return a true bill. When he was arrested Huber spent several days in jail until he could furnish bond, relatives and friends putting up $100 for him. After being released by the grand jury yesterday afternoon Huber collected the bond money and left town last night. Two of his friends here who furnished $50 of the bond will endeavor to have him arrested for embezzlement.

PASSING OF THE BENBOW.

Mr. James F. Jordan, who last week closed an option he held on the Benbow Hotel real estate and other valuable property owned by Mr. Charles D. Benbow on the west side of South Elm street, this afternoon made the last trade that marks the passing of the ownership of $155,000 of the best property in the heart of the business district of the city. This is the biggest real estate deal ever made in Greensboro at one time and has given a decided impetus to realty transactions here. The North Carolina Public Service Company takes the West Sycamore and South Elm street corner of the five-story section of the Benbow Hotel, with a frontage of 25 feet on South Elm street. The remaining 45 feet of the five-story section of the building goes to ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams and Mr. W. R. Land. Mrs. Virginia L. Harrison buys the property occupied by Wills' book store and Mr. J. R. Harrison gets the store occupied by A. D. Jones & Co. The adjoining property on the south, occupied by Kendall & Fisher and Wharton Bros., with a frontage of 48 feet, is purchased by Mr. J. T. Pruden. The store of Ellis, Stone & Co., with a frontage of 33 feet, is purchased by Mr. D. C. Waddell, Jr., of Asheville.

The total purchase price is about $155,000, or over $700 per front foot. Ex-Sheriff Jordan announced this afternoon that the remainder of the Benbow property on that side of the street, with a frontage of 80 feet, had been withdrawn from the market for the present.

In compliance with the terms of the sale, the Benbow Hotel was closed to-night and the property formally transferred to the new owners. It is understood that the North Carolina Public Service Company will utilize its portion of the property for offices and display rooms.

The closing of the Benbow is an event of more than ordinary interest in Greensboro. The original hotel of that name was opened by the late Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, father of Mr. Charles D. Benbow, nearly forty years ago, the first guest to register being the late Senator Zebulon B. Vance. Mr. Charles D. Benbow grew up in the hotel business, and upon the death of his father became proprietor of the new Benbow Hotel.

Fine Horse Sold to Cover His Board Bill.

Special to The Observer.

LeLexington, June 15.—Selling a horse for board is an unusual scene that has been witnessed in Lexington, at the courthouse door. "White," a German coach stallion, bought for $3,400 by a local stock company more than a year ago, is the animal. Recently he knocked out an eye in his stall at the livery stable. The livery grew tired of feeding him without remuneration, and so advertied and sold him to the highest bidder, who was Mr. W. E. Holt, Jr., but it is not certain yet that Mr. Holt will claim his horse, because there maybe a law suit over it. It is doubtful if a horse can be made to pay his board under the law, as board-beating white folks and negroes are. The stock company, it is learned, is out all the money paid on the purchase, there being no revenue, and there are still outstanding notes. What the end will be is unforseen.

ASK CLEARANCE PAPERS

NANTICOKE AND THE DISPATCH.

New York Agents of Steamer and Tug Yacht, Detained For Alleged Violation of Neutrality Laws, Admit That Vessels Are Bound Direct For Maracaibo, Venezuela, But It is Denied That They Have Any Connection With Any Filibuster—Collector of Customs and Special Government Agents Make Thorough Examination of Both Vessels and Find Nothing Aboard But Coal and Water—May Get Clearance Papers.

Norfolk, Va., June 15.—The steamer Nanticoke and the tug-yacht Dispatch, the former detained at Franklin, Va., and the latter at Norfolk, for alleged violation of the neutrality laws in connection with a supposed contraband expedition for Venezuelan revolutionists, are, by admission made here to-day by their New York agents, bound direct for Maracaibo, Venezuela, but it is denied that the vessels have any connection with any filibustering project.

Ira M. Levy, of New York, representing the New York firm of Kates & Co., exporters, has filed application with Collector of Customs Floyd Hughes at Norfolk for clearance papers for both the Nanticoke and the Dispatch. The destination of each is given in these papers as Maracaibo and Capt. James Tidmarsh, commanding the Nanticoke, says he expects to have his clearance papers so that he can sail to-morrow. Mr. Levy stated that Collector of Customs Hughes has forwarded to Washington a report that a careful investigation has failed to develop anything suspicious against either the Nanticoke or the Dispatch and that local custom officers have advised him that the way would be clear by 3 o'clock this afternoon for the issuance of clearance papers for both boats.

Collector of Customs Hughes and special government agents have made a thorough examination of both the Nanticoke and the Dispatch but found nothing aboard of either but coal, water and provisions. The customs agent late yesterday broke all closed compartments of the Nanticoke but found nothing contraband.

The revenue cutter Pamlico came up the Blackwater river last night and anchored close by the Nanticoke. Her officers to-day re-inspected the suspected steamer. They will file a report also, but even this shows the Nanticoke to be free of contraband. The two boats may, in the opinion of local customs officials, still be detained here pending the completion of an investigation, which the government is supposed to be making regarding the consignees of the Nanticoke and Dispatch at Maracaibo.

Agent Levy says that the Nanticoke and the Dispatch have been purchased and are consigned to T. Arriens, a merchant of the Venezuelan capital, and that the two boats are to be used for commercial purposes in Venezuela. He said that under the new regime of President Gomez, confidence has been restored and Venezuelans believe there is a great commercial future for their metropolis.

The Nanticoke and Dispatch, according to Agent Levy and direct reports to-day from J. A. Pretlow, the Nanticoke's agent at Franklin are to be used in the coffee trade at Maracaibo. It is denied from Franklin today that Mauser rifles shipped from New York via St. Louis have arrived in piano cases.

Captain Tidmarsh has a crew of 17, all foreigners and of five different nationalities. They came from New York.

Capt. Horace H. Weeks, of Camden, N. J., is in command of the Dispatch.

SALISBURY NEWS OF A DAY.

Royal Arcanum Planning Big Picnic—Well-Known Lawyer to Locate in Mexico—Party of Northerners Inspects the Granite at Faith—Items of More or Less Interest.

Observer Bureau,
421 North Main Street,
Salisbury, June 15.

Thursday, July 1, Salisbury Council No. 272, Royal Arcanum, will have a basket picnic at St. John's Mill on the Yadkin river. The members, their families and invited guests will reach the picnic grounds in conveyances furnished by the lodge. A basket dinner, refreshments, games and several short talks will be the features of the day. Up until several years ago these outings were held annually by the Salisbury Arcanums and were greatly enjoyed by a large number of people.

Mr. G. W. Garland, of the Salisbury bar, is arranging to locate in New Mexico, where he will practice his profession. He is now in the West looking after the preliminaries to taking up his residence there. Mr. Garland came to Salisbury from Lexington six years ago. He will return here, however, to look after some legal matters at the August term of Rowan Superior Court before taking final leave of North Carolina.

The funeral of Mr. Walter Doby, who met death on the railroad yesterday morning before day, was held from the residence this morning and the burial was in Chestnut Hill Cemetery. The circumstances connected with his untimely death are still unknown and may forever remain a mystery.

Mr. H. Lee Lazenby who looked after the construction of the Southern's handsome new passenger station here in behalf of Architect Frank P. Milburn, has been secured as an associate to Mr. F. R. Simmons, who is here in the interest of the George W. Ashley Company, who are to erect the government building.

The concert to be given by the Daughters of the Confederacy and which was previously postponed will take place in Meroney's theatre Friday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

A party of Northerners have been at Faith this week inspecting the granite in that section, preparatory to passing upon it for use in the erection of a fine building in the North.

Newbern has placed a big order for Rowan granite to be used for street curbing purposes.

Mr. T. B. Parker, director of the Farmers' Institute being held under the direction of the State agricultural department, sends words that Rowan will get three institues, one each to be held at Salisbury, Mount Ulla and China Grove. He also stated that in many places there will be an institute for women and urges that the wives of farmers attend these, due notice of the time and place of these women's institutes to be made later.

KATHERINE GOULD'S PAST

WITNESSES LAY BARE HER LIFE

Wife of Howard Gould Has Trying Day in Her Suit for Separation From Her Husband and Her Face is Flushed With Shame as Former Employes of Castle Gould Tell of Her Habits—Called Husband "You Little Hound," According to One Witness—Statement is Made That She Drank Several Bottles of Brandy With Other Liquors in Two Weeks and Was Often Intoxicated—Used Language Unfit to Print.

New York, June 15.—Torn with anger and extreme humiliation, alternately flushing with shame, sobbing or clenching her hands in exasperation, Katherine Clemmons Gould sat through a trying ordeal in the Supreme Court to-day at the continuation of her suit for separation against Howard Gould.

Mr. Gould's attorney sought to bring out that Mrs. Gould's habits were such that her husband was justified in leaving her. In the event of proving this, the defense hopes to undermine the charge of abandonment, the only phase of the plaintiff's case, which has yet withstood the attacks of opposing counsel, Justice Dowling having ruled out the charges of cruelty and non-support yesterday. Howard Gould will take the stand to-morrow.

Mrs. Gould, having naively told yesterday what it required of a woman of fashion in the matter of dress at Palm Beach and elsewhere, witnesses for the defense recieted to-day the indulgence of the same woman of fashion in the matter of alcoholic stimulants and told further, while the heavily veiled Mrs. Gould buried her burning face in her hands, of certain remarks and conversations not exactly in keeping with $500 gowns and the palatial Castle Gould on Long Island.

It was during this testimony concerning some of the alleged violent and profane language, some of it as related too strong to be printed with propriety, that Mrs. Gould wept most. Yet, she recovered herself quickly, and at times coached her lawyer, refreshing his mind on certain incidents with suggestions and reminders.

"YOU LITTLE HOUND."

Specific statements that Mrs. Gould had been intoxicated on various occasions, that she called Howard Gould "you little hound" one night; that once she was apparently so under the influence of liquor as to stagger against the banister at Castle Gould; that her maid brought liquors to her room, including sometimes two cocktails before breakfast, were among the statements brought out, as employes of the Gould estate related their experiences with their former mistress.

Mrs. Gould's lawyer, Clarence J. Shearn, injected into the case the rather novel argument that, admitting even that his client had been intoxicated, this should have strengthened rather than have weakened the ties between wife and husband.

"It has been held," he said, "that if a husband drank, he needed the love and company of his wife more than if he were sober. Is not this equally true in the case of the wife?"

Whether or not, fit for managing a household, it was a rather erratic administration that Mrs. Gould conducted at Castle Gould, according to most of the testimony. Verbal clashes with the manager of the great estate, heated arguments at the hen coop with carpenters, one of whom testified that "she couldn't walk straight," at the time, a period when she remained in her room for two weeks, consuming during that time seven bottles of brandy with other liquors—these incidents and others were sworn to on the stand. Also, there was an account by a former steward of an exciting night, when, he said, she wanted the house locked although Howard Gould was out on the front lawn.

This was the night that Mrs. Gould is said to have called her husband "a little hound," a term which she applied to him, as testified, after he had come to her room to see what the matter was, confusion having been spread through the great castle by the ringing of bells in Mrs. Gould's room and the burglar alarm system.

While most of the testimony was against Mrs. Gould, one witness spoke in her favor. He is Charles H. Danis, of Glencove, L. I., who testified that in 1902 and 1903 he did considerable work on the Gould estate and saw Mrs. Gould frequently. He had never seen her intoxicated, he said, but at times knew she had been drinking because he "could smell her breath."

Before the resumption of the case to-day a letter from Mrs. Charlotte Nicoll Weston, sister of Delancey Nicoll, Mr. Gould's attorney was given out denying that Mrs. Gould had ever given her a dress. Mrs. Weston said she had never seen Mrs. Gould. When the letter was shown to Mrs. Gould she said: "I did not give the gown to her personally, but she was one of the actresses who received a box of gowns that I sent to one of the theatres."

MR. CALDWELL MADE AN LL.D.

Trustees of Erskine College Confer Degree on the Editor of The Observer—President Moffatt Withdraws His Resignation and Everybody Gets a Raise in Salary.

Special to The Observer.

Greenwood, S. C., June 15.—The trustees of Erskine College held a meeting here this afternoon and it will be good news to the friends of the college everywhere to know that Dr. J. S. Moffatt withdrew his resignation, which it had been reported he would present. The trustees raised the salaries of the president and professors.

The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor of The Charlotte Observer.

Fourteen members of the board were here, including Hon. J. J. Darlington, of Washington, and Dr. Miller, of Cameron, Ala.

Acquitted of Killing Preacher.

Roanoke, Va., June 15.—Deputy Sheriff W. N. Morris, who on Sunday shot and killed Rev. John W. Phillips in Tazewell county, was last evening given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Dillon at Pocahontas and acquitted. Morris was trying to serve a warrant on the preacher, when the latter drew a revolver and attempted to shoot the officer. Morris fired first.

ADAMS NOT A STOCKHOLDER

IN THE GREENSBORO NEWS?

Story Reaches Washington to the Effect That the Judge Does Not Own a Cent's Worth of Stock in the Rejuvenated Enterprise Though His Name Floats From the Masthead as Vice President—The Chairman Does Not Like the Idea of the Use of His Name—Senator Simmons Again Dons His War Paint and Goes For the Editor of The Raleigh News and Observer—Replies to Charges Against Him the Basis of Which Was Bryan and His Free Silver Ideas.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau,
Congress Hall Hotel,
Washington, June 15.

A story to the effect that Judge Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the executive committee of his party, does not own a cent in the new Greensboro News which is to print its first issue the 27th has reached here. The letterheads which the company is sending out bear his name as vice president, but, if he owns no stock he cannot hold an office. Some of the friends of Judge Adams are awaiting with considerable interest the development of things so that they may know whether or not to become interested in the paper. It is even said that the chairman does not relish the idea of his name being used as it is.

MR. SIMMONS' STATEMENT.

In reply to strictures recently emanating from The Raleigh News and Observer Senator Simmons to-day gave out the following statement:

"No one knows better than the editor of The News and Observer to what I alluded, and what I did not allude to, when I spoke of Democrats having to repudiate some of the preachments of Mr. Bryan. He knows that I did not allude to the free coinage of silver, which the Democrats did not repudiate but advocated before Mr. Bryan's time and fully endorsed in all the campaigns in which it was an issue. When the editor of The News and Observer pretends to think that I alluded to silver and thus tries to arouse prejudice against me, he simply adopts the tactics of a special pleader, who, when driven to the wall, sets up a man of straw and assaults it as if it were a living thing.

"Mr. Daniels has not forgotten what the Democrats had to do in North Carolina in 1898 to keep the party from being turned over to Butler. He certainly remembers Mr. Bryan's letters to many Democrats throughout the State urging a coalition with Butler and the Populists. If we had then yielded to Mr. Bryan, supplemented by the earnest entreaties of Mr. Daniels, and had accepted Butler's proposition of fusion, despite his record of having put 1,000 negroes into office, there could have been no attack made on that outrageous record; there could have been no white supremacy campaign, no constitutional amendment, and none of the other great measures which that amendment has made it possible for us to accomplish for the welfare and glory of North Carolina.

"Had we not then repudiated Mr. Bryan's attempt to control the action of our party in his supposed interest as a candidate for the presidency, Butler would have become the ruling power of our party and would probably to-day be in the saddle in North Carolina.

PEOPLE WILL NOT FORGET.

"Mr. Daniels has not forgotten this repudiation of Mr. Bryan's 'preachment' and advice by the North Carolina Democracy. He will never forget it. Nor will the people, with those long memories, of whom he sometimes writes, forget it.

"When Mr. Bryan returned from his trip around the world the Democrats gave him a royal welcome at Madison Square Garden, in New City. A political situation had grown up here which filled the heart of every Democrat with hope. Mr. Bryan met that welcome with an aggressive declaration for government ownership of interstate railroads, and instantly Democratic hope vanished and a thick pall settled over the party throughout the country. The Democracy of the country, especially of the South, was not slow in letting Mr. Bryan know that it would have none of this doctrine. The repudiation was complete and unmistakable. It was so emphatic that even the obdurate will of Mr. Bryan yielded and he promised to withhold further preachment, and to hold his unwelcome views on this subject in obeyance. It is idle to try to hide this incident, or to conceal the fact we had to repudiate this decadent doctrine of Populism to save the party from annihilation.

"Again who has forgotten Mr. Bryan's pro-announcement for the initiative and referendum, and the refusal of our party to be led to the advocacy of those measures.

"The people of North Carolina know that I did not favor Mr. Bryan's nomination in 1908, though I gave him a loyal support after he was nominated. One of the reasons, among others, which influenced me in taking this position was the fact that Mr. Bryan's position on the subject of government ownership, etc., was such a committal to the Hamiltonian theory of centralization that, with him as a candidate, we could not take advantage of the great issue that Roosevelt's and Root's demand for increased powers for the Federal government at the expense of the powers of the States raised. My fears were justified, and we had to remain silent on that great issue which many Democratic leaders thought the most hopeful one open to us.

RIGHT TO CRITICISE.

"I have not desired, and do not desire, to criticise Mr. Bryan, but unless he has become a demigod, I have the same right to criticise him that he has to criticise me, and it is the right of the people to decide between us.

"He attacked my vote on lumber because of a declaration in the national platform. I replied that he was estopped from criticising my vote because he had voted against the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on the issue of State banks in the face of a declaration for its repeal in the national platform. He excuses his vote by saying the declaration was against his judgment and the opinions and interest of his constituents. I can and do say the same thing with reference to lumber. In addition, I say it was not and could not have been intended that lumber be put on the free list unless the tariff on other

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MRS. CLEVELAND ON STAND

TESTIFIES IN FORGERY CASE

Widow of Former President Declares Emphatically That the Signature to a Political Article, Sold by Broughton Brandenburg to The New York Times, Purporting to Have Been Written by Former President Cleveland, Was Not That of Her Husband—Points Out Differences Between the Signature and the Genuine Cleveland Signature as It Appears on Several Checks—Sunday Editor of The Times on the Stand.

New York, June 15.—Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland appeared in public to-day for the first time since her husband's death to testify for the prosecution in the case of Broughton Brandenburg, a magazine writer, who is charged with selling The New York Times a political article purpoting to have been written by former President Grover Cleveland.

Mrs. Cleveland was dressed in deep mourning but was self-possessed, though pale, while on the stand. She declared emphatically that the signature to the article in question was not that of her husband. Also, she pointed out the differences between the signature and the genuine Cleveland signature, as it appeared on several checks which were handed to her.

The former President wrote with a very unsteady hand during the later years of his life, the witness said, whereas the name signed to the Brandenburg article was written in a comparatively bold, legible hand, more like that of Mr. Cleveland during his younger days in the White House.

When Mrs. Cleveland entered the court room, Justice Fitzgerald, Assistant District Attorney Nott, and the other court officials arose and bowed low as a mark of respect. A large crowd gathered to hear the testimony of the former "first lady of the land."

MRS. CLEVELAND'S TESTIMONY.

Mrs. Cleveland told about meeting John G. Carlisle and F. N. Hastings, an executor of her husband's estate, in this city, and discussing the article, which appeared in The New York Times, August 30, 1908, over Mr. Cleveland's signature.

"Did you hear Mr. Hastings say that the signature was genuine?" asked Samuel Bell Thomas, counsel for the defendant.

"No," answered Mrs. Cleveland, "I didn't hear him say one way or the other at the time."

"Did you authorize him to say it was genuine?" asked the lawyer.

"No, I did not," said the witness emphatically.

"Did you send a telegram to The New York Times in regard to this article?" asked Mr. Thomas.

The witness said she did and she produced the telegram.

Mrs. Cleveland said she authorized Mr. Hastings to write The Times and say that they questioned the authenticity of the signature to the article. Mrs. Cleveland said she had received a letter and only one from Mr. Brandenburg, in regard to the article, early in August, 1908. She could not remember of ever talking with the defendant over the telephone in regard to the matter.

"Did you read the statement itself when it appeared in The Times?" asked Mr. Thomas.

"Oh, yes; I read it very carefully," Mrs. Cleveland replied.

Mr. Nott related the incidents leading up to the publication of the letter. He said that the State would show that Brandenburg waited until Mr. Cleveland died, before he attempted to sell the article purporting to have been signed by Mr. Cleveland.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION.

On re-direct examination Mr. Nott asked the witness if she had authorized Mr. Hastings to write The New York Times and say that the signature on the disputed article was genuine. She said she had not. Mrs. Cleveland was then excused.

C. M. Lincoln, Sunday editor of The New York Times, testified that he had received the "Grover Cleveland" article from Brandenburg about a week before it was published, August 30, 1908. Brandenburg had seen him and talked with him about the article a few days before that. Brandenburg, the witness said, told him it was one of three Mr. Cleveland had promised to write early in the year, bearing upon the campaign, but that sickness had prevented Mr. Cleveland from writing more than the one article.

DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION.

Japanese Strikers Want Japanese Government to Make International Incident Out of Seizure of Papers in Japanese Newspaper Office in Honolulu.

Honolulu, June 15.—Strong efforts are being made by the Japanese strikers to get the Japanese government to make an international incident of the forcible entry into the office of a local Japanese newspaper and the seizure of papers by the sheriff last Friday. Strike leaders appealed to Ambassador Takahira at Washington by cable to-day and demanded an immediate investigation.

The four editors of a Japanese newspaper and several others of the seventeen Japanese, arrestd last Saturday and yesterday on indictments growing out of the strike of sugar plantation laborers, were released on bail to-day and their preliminary hearings set to begin on June 18.

The situation remained virtually unchanged to-day.

SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS.

Annual Convention Will Convene To-Night at Wrightsville Beach—Outline of the Programme.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, June 15.—Visitors are already arriving for the annual convention of the South Carolina Bankers' Association which will convene tomorrow night at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach. It is a great disappointment that Hon. Charles H. Treat, treasurer of the United States, will not be present and address the convention on Friday on account of illness in his family. Auditor Andrews, of the Treasury Department, is expected in his stead.

Most of the bankers will arrive on a special train from Columbia to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. Thursday will be spent on an outing at Fort Caswell and on board the revenue cutter Seminole. Friday will be devoted largely to business sessions. C. N. Evans, C. S. Grainger and C. E. Taylor form the committee of arrangements from the Wilmington clearing house association, host of the convention.

NINETY-SIX NEW DOCTORS

PASS THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD

One of the Successful Applicants is a Woman From Texas—The Asheville Negro Woman Falls Down on Examination—Seven of the Successful Ones Are Negroes—Branch Craige, of Salisbury, Leads the Class, While Raleigh Man is a Close Second—Charlotte Boasts of Only One of the New Stack of Physicians—Only Twenty-Four Fail in an Unusually Large Class—The Names and Postoffices of the Successful Young Men.

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Asheville, June 15.—The State board of medical examiners completed its work this afternoon and announced the successful applicants for license to practice medicine in North Carolina. Out of a total of 130 applicants 96 passed, including seven negroes. One of the successful applicants was a woman from Texas. The negro woman from Asheville failed. Branch Craige, of Salisbury, led the class with a grade of 95 6-7; Herbert Benberry Haywood, Jr., of Raleigh, was a close second, with a mark of 95 5-7, while Hubert Gudger, of Asheville, was third, with 93 5-7.

The successful applicants were: William Alexander Johnson, Reidsville; Verpon Lyles Andrews, Mount Gilead; Joseph Collier Ray, Raleigh; David Russell Dixon, Rocky Mount; Fred G. Sigmon, Spencer; Thomas W. Long, Garysburg; N. D. Morton, Jr., Bullock; O. E. Underwood, Ernest; Julian R. Sutton, Elk Park; J. Frank Crawford, Davidson College; C. M. Lentz, Albemarle; H. P. Harris, Wake Forest; Charles R. Russell, Granite Falls; Thomas J. Tudor, Mount Gilead; K. C. Moore, Wilson; G. D. Moose, Mount Pleasant; Edward H. Register, Jr., Georgetown, S. C.; J. C. Knight, Clarksville, Ga.; E. B. Alford, Greensboro; R. W. Crawford, Rocky Mount; R. A. Vaughn, Vaughn; W. B. Chaplin, Pittsboro; B. B. Lloyd, Chapel Hill; W. A. Whitfield (colored) Stokes; P. W. Miles, Milton; R. G. Rosser, Broadway; J. M. McMillan, Star; J. N. Hill, Murphy; W. C. Morrow, Andrews; C. A. Shore, Raleigh; T. D. Crouch, Taylorsville; N. B. Adams, Murphy; Bessie Violet Puett, Dallas, Tex.; H. B. Haywood, Raleigh; C. F. Shafer, Boonesville; W. F. Cole, Rockingham; Thomas O. Coppedge, Castalia; William C. Tate, Saginaw; Julian C. Davis, Clyde; D. C. Absher, Obids; Fred B. Spencer, Swan Quarter; L. C. Swindell, Kingston; Reuben M. Tuttle, King; B. C. Johnson, Ingold; Claudius T. Poole, Ellerbe; Benjamin E. Early, Asa Thurston, Taylorsville; G. H. Croom, Burgaw; James J. Withers, Davidson College; L. V. Dunlap, Ansonville; John M. Maness, Rockingham; Foy Roberson, Chapel Hill; John M. Thompson, Graham; Julius B. Surles, Dunn; W. H. Braddy, Washington; J. D. Barnes, (colored) Portsmouth, Va.; M. W. Ball, Lagrange; John Thomas Buff, Casar; C. S. Barker, Trenton; James A. Tinsley, (colored) Henderson; James L. Morefield, Guilford College; S. H. Yokeley, Thomasville; Robert S. McElwee, Statesville; O. B. Ross, Charlotte; J. V. Howard, Kinston; Edgar M. Long, Hamilton; Ben F. Royal, Morehead City; Hugh W. McCain, Waxhaw; J. E. Dowdy, Winston-Salem; Benjamin F. Cliff, Asheville; James A. Battle, Wilson; John T. Wortham, (colored) Raleigh; W. P. Carter, (colored) Reidsville; William J. H. Booker, (colored) Oxford; Harold H. Cauble, Salisbury; D. Humphrey, Lamberton; James W. Vernon, Bushy Fork; O. W. Shellem, Raleigh; C. V. Orr, Judson; J. D. Weatherly, Kernersville; B. W. Page, Teacheys; E. F. Long, Tobaccoville; M. S. Gilliam, (colored) Rocky Mount; Fred Wharton Rankin, Mocresville; Arthur Edward Rigsbee, Durham; J. M. Buckner, Democrat; Branch Craige, Salisbury; Edward T. Gordon, (colored) Raleigh; A. W. Choate, Sparta; Hubert Gudger, Asheville; W. F. Coleman, (colored) Raleigh; William A. Strowd, Chapel Hill; M. Thickman, Hudson; Walter Lee Swindell, Kinston; Charles S. Eagles, Saratoga; Charles S. Farmer, Elm City; P. B. Killian, Hayesville.

Wilmington Man Makes a Bungling Attempt at Suicide.

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Wilmington, June 15.—Milton Breckenridge, a well-known young man, formerly a bank clerk in this city until he lost his position on account of dissipation, made a bungling attempt at suicide by shooting himself in the mouth on North Fourth street early this afternoon. After shooting himself he became frightened and urged those about him to hurry with the summons for a physician and cautioned the policeman who disarmed him of his pistol to mind how he handled the weapon for fear it would go off while pointed in his direction. He was hurried to the hospital where it is stated the wound is not fatal, the ball having lodged in the roof of the mouth.

Teachers Convene at Morehead.

Special to The Observer.

Morehead City, June 15.—In the presence of a large audience the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly was begun this evening at 10 o'clock at the Atlantic Hotel assembly room. Dr. D. H. Hill, of the A. and M. College, made the opening address of the meeting and introduced Governor W. W. Kitchin. The Governor did not make a speech but he made a talk that delighted his audience. He told some good jokes and then a number of bouquets. He said he had nothing new or startling to offer along educational lines. His remarks were brief and humorous and they made a hit with the audience.

Davidson Wheat Crop Damaged.

Special to The Observer.

Lexington, June 15.—The Davidson wheat crop, exceedingly good this year, has been damaged by wet weather, and unless there is dry weather from now on, there is no telling how much damage will be done. Sprouted wheat has already sprouted in the dreams of the farmers. Only one-fourth of the crop has been cut, and the fields everywhere are dead ripe. Corn and cotton are also in bad shape because of the continued rain. The tobacco crop in the northern portion of the county, where they produce quite a good deal of the weed, is reported as fairly good so far. The crop is very large this year.